

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8 of First Extraordinary Session

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John Miller, Sr. on being inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, after a rigorous selection process each year, the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association chooses an elite group of persons to be inducted into their Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, this year, Clarksville Academy Headmaster, John Miller, Sr., was appropriately honored by being inducted as a member of the Administrator category; and

WHEREAS, John Miller, Sr. was born July 12, 1932 in Springfield; he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay State University in 1954, with a major in Health and Physical Education and Elementary Education and earned his Master of Arts degree from Austin Peay 1959, with a major in Education and Supervision; and

WHEREAS, before becoming Headmaster at Clarksville Academy, he served admirably as assistant principal, teacher and coach at New Providence Junior High School from 1956-1958; as assistant principal and coach at Greenwood Junior High School from 1958-1965; as assistant principal, teacher and football coach at Clarksville High School from 1965-1971; as administrative assistant at Clarksville Academy from 1971-1972; as assistant executive secretary of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association from 1972-1978; as athletic

director at Austin Peay State University from 1978-1984; and as superintendent for the Clarksville/Montgomery County School System from 1984-1989; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miller also served his country bravely in the United States Army from 1954-1956 and directed summer recreational programs for the city of Clarksville from 1961-1972; and

WHEREAS, his long list of professional activities include outstanding service as president of the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents, president of the Clarksville Civitan Club, president of the Austin Peay State University Alumni Association (1968-1969), member of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Austin Peay State University Governor's Club, member of the Ohio Valley Conference 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, and a member of the State Board of Regents Ad-Hoc Committee (1980-1981). He has astutely served as a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, appointed by the president of Austin Peay in 1978; and

WHEREAS, he has also generously contributed his time and considerable expertise as a valued member of the National Football Rules Game Committee (1972-1978), the National Federation Track and Field Committee (1976-1978), and National Federation Rules Committee (1972-1978); as guest lecturer on football at the University of Tennessee; as president of the Clarksville/Montgomery County Teachers Association (1962-1968); as TSSAA commissioner; and as supervisor of the local officials association (1965-1971). He has officiated ten district and four regional basketball tournaments and one state basketball tournaments (1958-1968), and has officiated collegiate basketball in three conferences, the Ohio Valley Conference, the Southeastern Conference and the Volunteer State Athletic Conference (1962-1972); and

WHEREAS, he is a faithful member of the Hilddale United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, John Miller, Sr. has received numerous honors and special recognitions; he was selected as a member of the first class of Leadership Clarksville (1987-1988); was chosen as one of the top twenty-five basketball officials in Ohio Valley Conference history, earned

honors as the Mid-State football Coach of the Year (1967-1968); was selected to officiate at the National Junior College and University division tournaments (1971); and was named Outstanding Young Educator, Clarksville/Montgomery County Schools (1964); and

WHEREAS, he also posted the best football record in the glorious history of Clarksville High School: 42 wins, 19 losses and 2 ties (1965-1971); coached 18 football players who signed grants-in-aid with Ohio Valley Conference schools; and coached 7-football players who signed grants-in-aid with Southeastern Conference schools; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Mr. Miller's many contributions were recognized by the Clarksville Academy Board of Trustees, who named a new addition to the school, the "Miller Activities Center"; and

WHEREAS, he is fortunate to share love and companionship with his devoted wife, Sarah; this happy couple has been blessed with 2 children, John D. Miller and Mrs. Marsha Zenker, and 4 grandchildren, Drew and Kacie Miller and Mack and Matt Zenker; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend John Miller, Sr. for his exemplary contributions to Tennessee high school athletics and to the countless students whom he has served as mentor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend John Miller, Sr. on being inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.